MT VOTES: Working with Provisional Ballots

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WORKING WITH PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

Election Day

- Provisional ballots issued to Late Registrants
- Provisional ballots issued at the polling place

After Election Day

- (step 1) <u>Identifying moves from your county</u>
- (step 2) Resolving Provisional Ballots

Reports & Exports

Issuing Provisional Ballots to Late Registrants

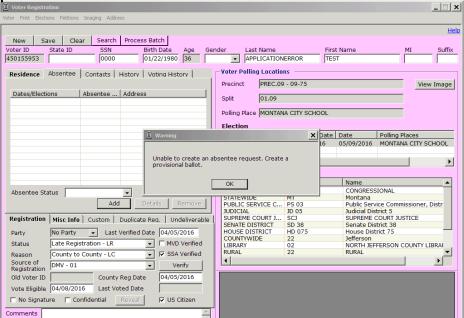
Late Registrants

- If it is election day, **and** the registrant is a transfer registrant, they must be issued a provisional ballot.
- This is required as you cannot accept their ballot without verifying they have not voted in a different county or precinct.

<u>Late Registrant-Pop-up</u>

If it is election day and the voter is a transfer Late Registrant (county to county or precinct to precinct) and you try to issue a ballot out of MT Votes, you will not be able to add an absentee request. You will receive a pop-up directing you to the provisional

ballot module.



Provisional Module

To access the provisional ballot module, you can do one of the two options below:

- From within the voter's record, click on Election > Provisional Ballot; or
- From the main menu of MT Votes, click on Provisional Ballots

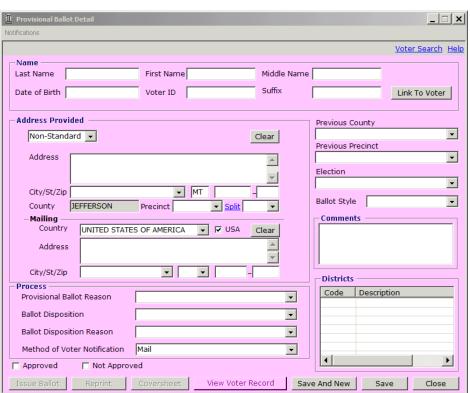
Late Reg - Provisional Module

The Provisional Ballot Search screen will open. Click the **New** button to create a new provisional ballot entry.

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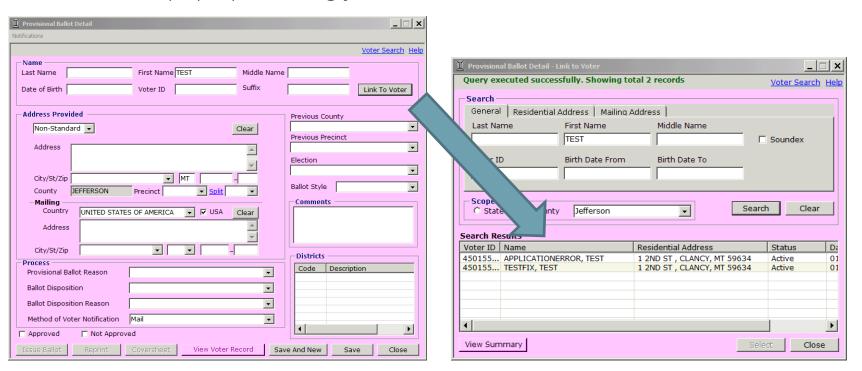
Late Reg - Provisional Module

This is the Provisional Ballot Detail screen, better known as the Provisional Ballot Entry Screen. Start by entering the name of the voter, and then click **Link to Voter**.



<u> Late Reg – Provisional Module</u>

The link to voter is powerful and operates much like a Voter Search query. If the search finds multiple voters that meet your criteria a selection screen will pop up allowing you to select the correct match.



Late Reg - Provisional Module

The address information will populate based on the selected voter record, as well as the Previous County/Previous Precinct information if the voter is marked as a Late Reg – County to County or Precinct to Precinct.

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<u> Late Reg - Provisional Module</u>

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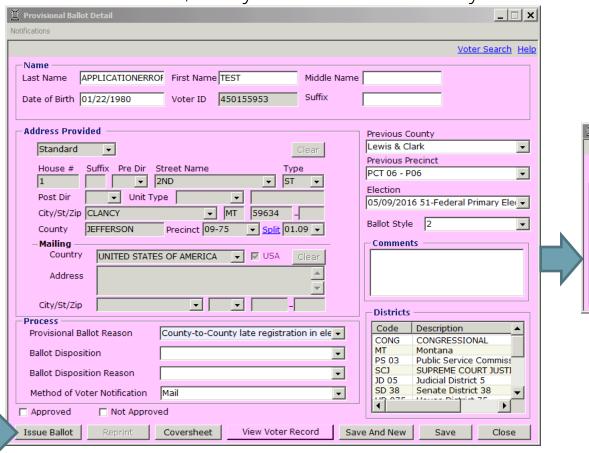
Provisional Ballot Reasons

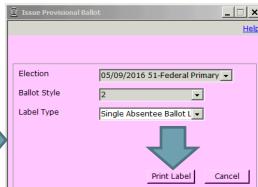
Provisional Ballot Reason

- Name not in official register and not erroneously omitted
- Claims registration with MVD or other government agency, which could not be confirmed
- Failed to sign register
- Failed to sign absentee ballot envelope
- Absentee signature was not verified
- Right to vote was challenged
- Register indicates provisionally registered, which was not resolved
- Ballot not received, or was spoiled, lost or destroyed
- Identification was insufficient
- County-to-County late registration in election office
- Precinct-to-Precinct late registration in election office
- Other

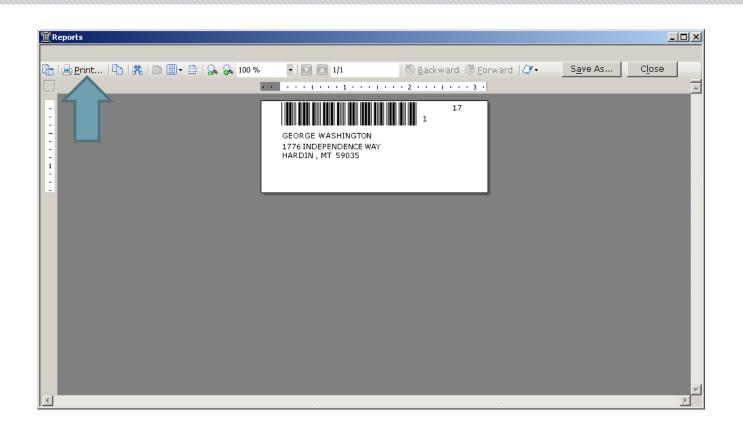
Late Reg - Provisional Module

Click Issue ballot, verify the correct ballot style and then print like normal.



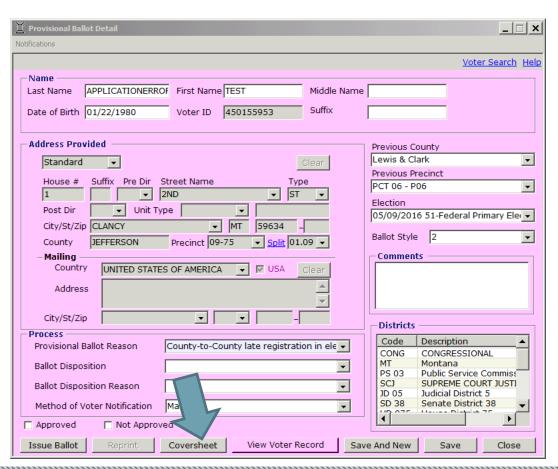


<u> Late Reg – Provisional Module</u>



Late Reg - Provisional Module

Print the Coversheet.





Confirmed that precinct-to-precinct late registrant did not vote in prior

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Provisional Ballot Cover Sheet/Outer Envelope

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Date processed for resolution: _

Confirmed that precinct-to-precinct late registrant voted in prior precinct

Date voter notified :

The information from the provisional detail screen auto-fills onto the coversheet. which is then printed, signed and attached to the provisional ballot envelope.

Polling Place Provisional Ballot Process

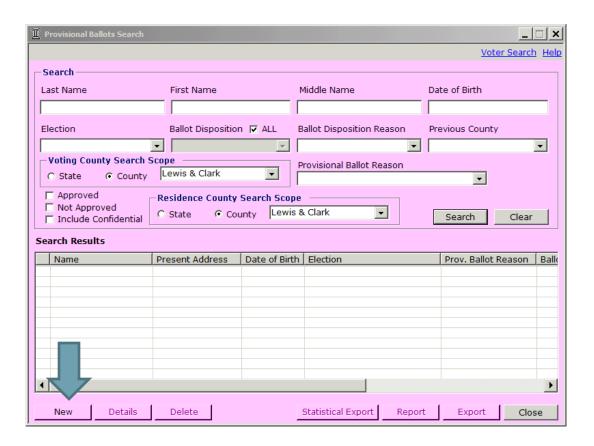
<u> Polling Place - Provisional Ballots</u>

Provisional ballots issued at the polling place that were not resolved by 8 p.m. on election day, must be tracked in MT Votes.

Most counties will enter them the day after election day.

Any provisional ballot issued at the polling place must be entered into MT Votes by 9 a.m. the Friday following the election.

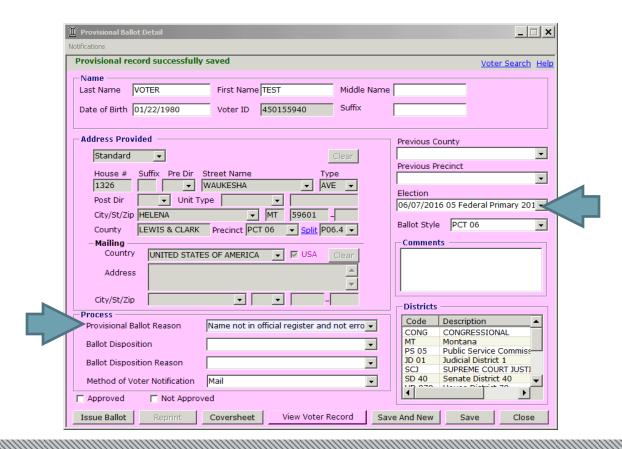
From the Provisional Ballot module, click the New button.



Enter the voter's name and click **Link to Voter**. The address information should pre-populate. If the voter is not registered in MT Votes, you will need to enter all the information manually.

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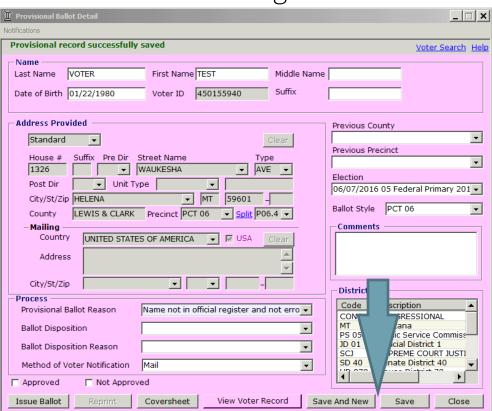


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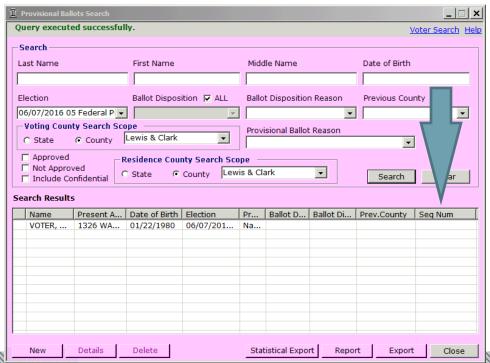
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Click **Save** or **Save and New** (if you need to enter another ballot). This ballot is now treated as a Polling Place Provisional Ballot.



Notice that when searching the Provisional Ballot module, this entry has no sequence number because a provisional record has been created, but no ballot has actually been issued in MT Votes. Late Registrant Provisional Ballots will reflect a Sequence Number, since they will be absentee ballots.



Identifying moves from your county

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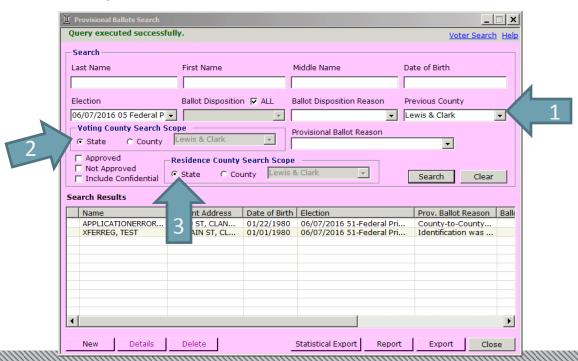
To identify anyone in the Provisional Ballot Module that was pulled from your county, start by clicking on the **Provisional Ballots**Module from the main screen of MT Votes.



Identifying moves from your county

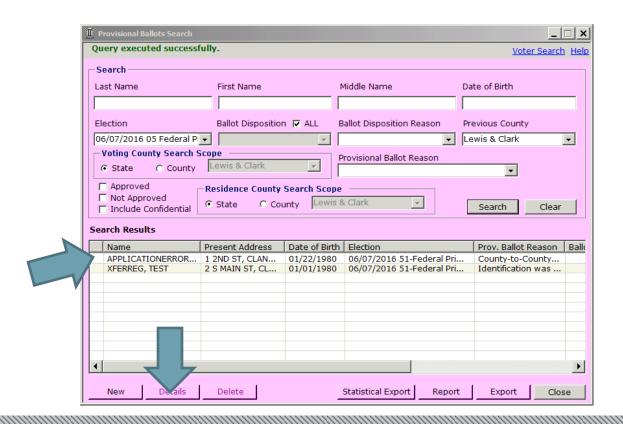
To find individuals who moved from your county, change the following settings:

- 1. Previous County Select your county
- 2. Voting County Select State
- 3. Residence County Select State



Identifying moves from your county

The grid contains individuals who were pulled out of your county. Highlight an individual and click **Details**.



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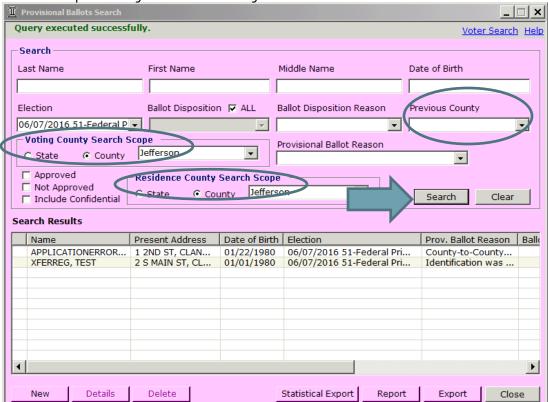
Look through your election information, such as your precinct registers and check to see if this voter has voted in your election. If they did not, click the **Approved** box. If they did vote in your election, mark **Not Approved**. Once done, click Save. Repeat this process for all voters that moved from your county.

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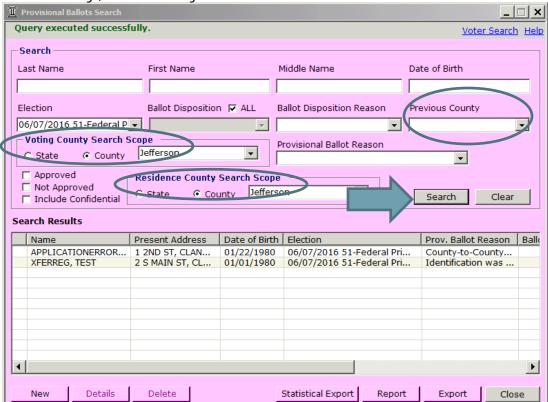
Finishing up

Once all county-to-county late registrants that are new to your county have been marked as approved/not approved by the county you pulled them from, you can start resolving these ballots.

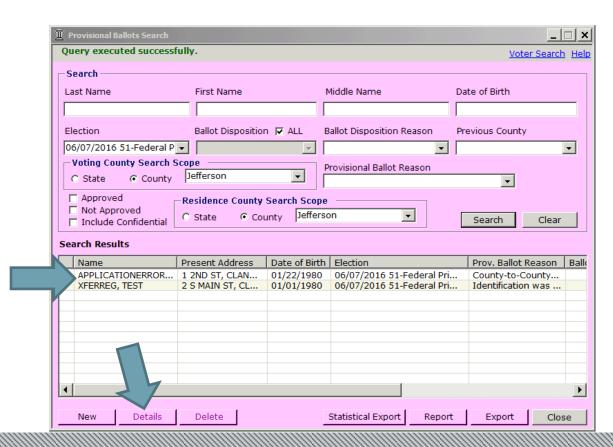
Do a search for all voters that were issued provisional ballots in your county. Leave Previous County as blank and Voting County/Residence County search scope to your county and then click **Search**.



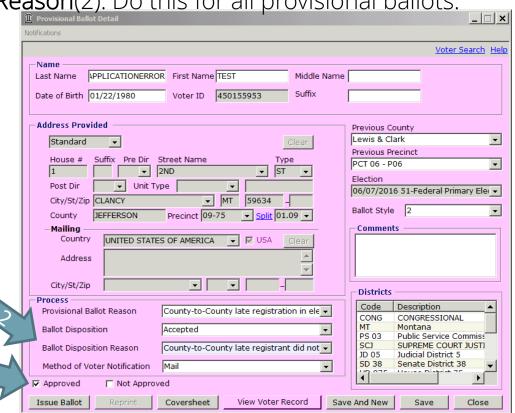
Please note: This search will result in all provisional ballots issued in your county. This includes polling place, late registrants (including those that are county to county), and any others.



If you have not resolved any ballots yet, start by highlighting the first voter and then click **Details**.

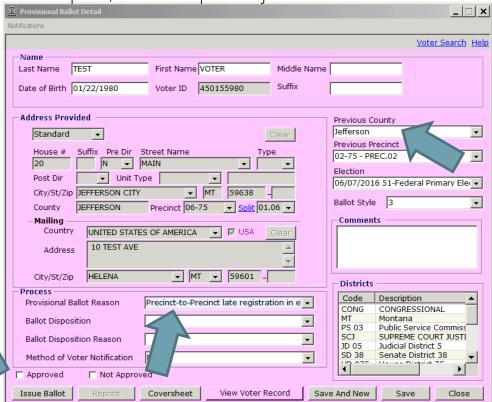


Ensure this record has been approved or not approved by the original county (1) and then mark the correct **Ballot Disposition** and **Ballot Disposition Reason**(2). Do this for all provisional ballots.



If you get to a ballot that is not marked as Approved or Not Approved, it may have been an internal Provisional Ballot. A quick look at this ballot shows that it was a precinct-to-precinct move, meaning this voter came from within your county. Use your records to verify whether or

not this voter voted at the polls, then accept or reject this ballot.



<u>Resolving Provisional Ballots</u>

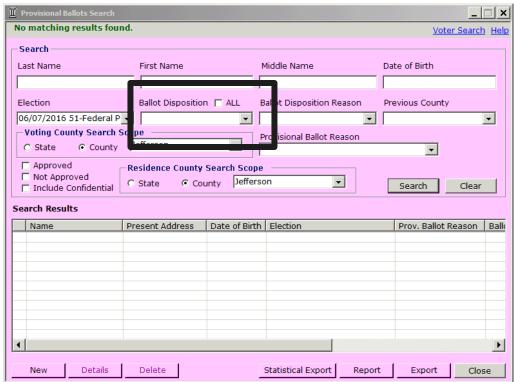
If the ballot is not marked as Approved or Not Approved, and the Previous County is not your county, you must wait for the previous county to 'check' this ballot before accepting/rejecting the ballot.

Previous counties must check these ballots before 3 p.m. on the Monday following election day.

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Do a final check to make sure you have not missed any provisional ballots that still need to be resolved:

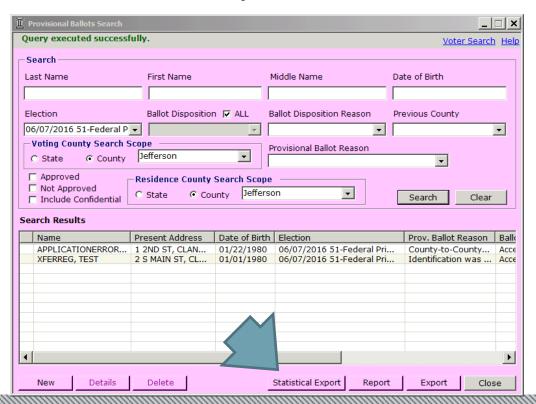
- 1) Uncheck the Ballot Disposition **ALL** box.
- 2) Select the blank Ballot Disposition (Shown)
- 3) Click Search
- 4) If the return grid is empty, you are done.



Reports & Exports

Provisional Ballots – Reports & Exports

Statistical Export – This will generate an export and send to the Scheduled Jobs Module. This export is primarily used by the Secretary of State's office and counties will rarely use it.



Provisional Ballots – Reports & Exports

Report/Export– will generate a report/export based on your search criteria above.

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As always, please contact the help desk if you have any questions.

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